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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau
Washington, DC 20233-0001
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

We are requesting your cooperation with the **2016 Annual Survey of Manufactures**. This survey is used to collect key data about the manufacturing sector of the nation's economy. These data are used to develop accurate estimates of domestic output and productivity, and they serve as a valuable resource for making sound decisions on economic trade policies.

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW and will be kept strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**. We estimate this survey will take an average of 1.4 hours to complete for the MA-10000(S) or 3.5 hours for the MA-10000(L). Additional information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, please sign into your Census Bureau account or call our toll-free customer help line at 1-844-303-7713, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places, and economy. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0449 and appears in the upper right corner of each reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13 United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes this collection. Sections 224 and 225 require your response. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of the same law to keep your information confidential and can use your responses only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will tak an average of 1.4 hours to complete for the MA-10000(S) or 3.5 hours for the MA-10000(L), including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to:

EWD Survey Comments 0607-0449
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You may email comments to ewd.surveys@census.gov. Be sure to use "EWD Survey Comments 0607-0449" as the subject.